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Our World This Morning

Teachers Seek Political Power

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The National Education Association's leaders seek to build the political bargaining power of the nation's two million teachers by opening more than 1,000 new regional offices.

Sam M. Lambert, NEA executive secretary, told the 7,000-member representative assembly Saturday of plans to establish a total of 1,200 regional offices in the next two or three years. The NEA now operates 135 such offices.

Robert H. Chanin, NEA general counsel, predicted at a news conference that there would be from 300 to 350 teacher strikes in the next school year.

Bruce Briefed by Nixon

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — David K. E. Bruce got his first briefing from President Nixon Saturday on his new assignment as chief U.S. negotiator at the Vietnam peace talks in Paris, and said he would be overjoyed if he can make any contribution whatever.

Nixon and Bruce conferred for nearly two hours in the morning, with three other key advisers sitting in. They took a break for lunch before resuming their discussions in the afternoon.

Israeli Planes Hit Egypt

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli planes attacked Egyptian SAM2 rocket sites and artillery positions along the Suez Canal on Saturday while both sides traded ground fire across the blocked waterway.

An Israeli spokesman said all the planes returned safely, but an Egyptian spokesman said one Israeli Phantom and one Skyhawk were "hit."

3rd ASU Prof Loses Job

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — The third Arkansas State University professor who has received notice this week that his contract will not be renewed after the summer of 1971 says he will appeal.

Dr. James A. Key, English professor, said Friday he would appeal the decision not to renew his contract to the American Association of University Professors. Key said the move was "political."

Curfew Placed on Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI) — British troops imposed a stringent curfew on a riot-torn Roman Catholic section of Belfast Saturday after a night of violence and enforced it with their guns. All weekend parades were banned.

Five civilians, two of them snipers shot by troops, were killed Friday night and early Saturday in street fighting between residents of the Catholic Falls Road area and British soldiers. The troops finally restored a semblance of peace at 5 a.m.

Crash Kills 9 in One Family

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Independence Day outings turned into tragedies for some families as auto pileups marked the nation's highways with death.

Nine members of one family were killed near Anoka, Minn., when their car collided with a Burlington Northern freight train Friday night.

Five persons, including a baby, died Friday when a jeep and a car collided with a pickup truck in the town of Hoolehia, Molokai, Hawaii. Only two other traffic accidents in Hawaii history have claimed a higher toll of lives.

An Ohio couple and three young Michigan residents died in a broadside smashup on U.S. 31 near Beulah, Mich. Three children were among five killed in a fiery crash of three autos near Wenona, Ill.

A mother and two sons died in the flames of a microbus as the father tried to rescue them after pulling three persons to safety near Vallejo, Calif. Another person was killed in the three-car wreck.

Mexico Expects Big Vote Turnout

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The largest voter turnout in this nation's history is expected Sunday when Mexico elects its next president.

Only two candidates are in the running—Luis Echeverria Alvarez, 48, banner bearer for the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) which has governed Mexico for 40 years, and Efrain Gonzalez Morfin, 40, of the Party of National Action (PAN).

WEATHER

Ol' Sol Still Waxing Hot

TEXARKANA WEATHER — Yesterday's high, 91; low, 76. Trace of rainfall, period ending 9 p.m.

SW ARKANSAS — Fair and warm. High, low 90's; low, mid 60's.

SE OKLAHOMA — Clear and mild. High, mid 90's; low, 70's.

NE TEXAS — Partly cloudy and cooler. High, low 90's; low, upper 60's.

NW LOUISIANA — Clear to partly cloudy. High, upper 80's; low, 70 to 80.

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AMERICA HONORED — Flags are in abundance at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington in this view of the religious and patriotic service of the Honor America Day program today. Bombs burst in the air over the memorial as the service ended. (AP Wirephoto)

America the Diverse

Citizens Show Commitment on Fourth

WASHINGTON (AP) — You just had to have a commitment to some cause to join in the Honor America Day celebration this Fourth of July.

No matter whether that commitment was to the flag or whether it was to show dissent from today's America—it took dedication of some kind to brave that humid 90-degree heat.

If you were a dissenter, at least you had the 2,000-foot long reflecting pool to splash around in—and hundreds did. If you were not a dissenter, you clucked about the irreverence and looked a little envious—and thousands did.

Like America itself, this day's pomp by Washington's proudest monuments embraced all shades of opinion, all colors. There were hard'eyed, close-cropped superpatriots with signs like "God, Guts and Gunpowder Maintain Liberty," and wild-haired protesters of the other extreme with signs that repeated one four-letter word with uninspired monotony.

If you were like the bulk of the people there—the ones who longed for a little of the flavor, spirit and color of old-time Fourths—you were rewarded by this ceremony, this day.

It was all there. The setting: the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and the grandeur of the reflecting pool, the Washington Monument, with the Capitol in the distance.

The stirring speech by Billy Graham: "Today we call upon all Americans to stop this polarization before it's too late." The signing of the Star Spangled Banner by Pat Boone.

The rousing songs of the 100-man Centurymen Choir: "This is our country, this is the land we love."

The noises of Independence Day: A 56-gun salute for the states and territories followed by the insistent popping of aerial bombs that sent little flags showering down by Memorial Bridge, which leads to the Arlington National Cemetery where so many of America's honored dead lie.

And finally, not unlike a pilgrimage, there was the parade down Constitution Avenue and the planting of little American Flags to spell out U.S. A. at the Ellipse—the park south of the White House grounds.

If you were so inclined, you had the chance this day to sneer at the hypocrisy of proclaiming unity in an America so divided.

And you also had a chance to answer the charge.

"Why are you here bothering us?" asked one woman of a young man who had been making an anti-Vietnam speech. "I'm here hoping to show that it's nothing," the young men said. "Does this look like unity?"

and the young, muscular black, in heated argument with a professorial type: "Do you think I'm enjoying freedom right now?" And the reply: "Yes, if you weren't enjoying freedom, you wouldn't be here talking."

While a speaker on the platform said, "America may not be No. 1, but it is way out in front of whoever is No. 2," a woman with a dozen kids in tow lifted a sign: "Patrick Henry, Paul Revere and Spiro T. Agnew."

Nearby, another young woman held a placard, "One way to peace is to go to war for it—that

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112 Found Dead In Jetliner Crash

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — A jetliner flying vacationers to Spain from Britain was found smashed on a mountainside near here Saturday and all 112 persons aboard were dead.

The Comet of Dan-Air airlines crashed in foul weather Friday night as it was preparing to land at Barcelona.

The plane apparently exploded and burned on impact in the same general area where a British charter DC3 went down in 1969 killing all 32 aboard. Friday's crash became the worst in Spanish air history.

The Comet, with 105 passengers and a crew of seven, hit the 3,936-foot Les Agues mountain near Barcelona on a flight from Manchester, England.

It had lost contact with Barcelona airport two minutes away from landing.

Death Toll In Area: 6

By BARRY POWELL
Staff Writer

Six deaths resulted from traffic accidents, shootings, electrocution during the first 48 hours of the Fourth of July holiday period in the Texarkana area.

Two deaths were reported Saturday in connection with a two-car collision in Texarkana and a motorcycle accident in Wamba. One accidental shooting took the life of a 2-year-old Durant, Okla., child and another accidental shooting in De Queen, Ark., Friday resulted in another holiday death.

A 24-year old Stamps, Ark., resident died Saturday from gunshot wounds received during an argument in downtown Stamps.

A Daingerfield, Tex., man was killed Friday when the tree he was cutting down came in contact with a power line and electrocuted him.

The first traffic fatality of the year in Texarkana, Texas, and the first holiday fatality was reported Saturday with the death of Mrs. Flora Mae Smith, 41, of 1000 Phenie, Texarkana, Tex., as a result of a two-car accident at noon on U. S. Highway 59 south just inside the city limits.

She was taken to Wadley Hospital by a Texarkana, Ark., ambulance after the Texas-side ambulance she was being carried in apparently experienced battery trouble. She was pronounced dead on arrival at 12:30 p.m. at the hospital. Wadley officials attributed the death to an apparent broken neck received in the accident, Justice of the Peace Kenneth Burkhalter said.

Investigating officer Ed Birmingham said the wreck occured when a car in which Mrs. Smith was a passenger, traveling east on U. S. 59, apparently attempted to make a left turn across the highway and was struck broadside on the passenger's side by a car driven by Harold D. Gill, 28, of 407 Blanton, Texarkana, Tex.

Birmingham said the driver of the car Mrs. Smith was in was identified as Jesse Lee Ware, 28, of 1622 Phenie." Ware and another passenger Ernest Franklin, 49, of 324 Milam, were taken by ambulance to Wadley where they were treated for lacerations and possible

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287 Killed In Traffic

By The Associated Press

The death toll from traffic accidents across the nation climbed to 287 Saturday, the second day of the three-day Independence Day holiday weekend.

Driving conditions for millions of motorists on highways were reported good except for portions of the South which experienced thunderstorms, hail and damaging winds.

The holiday period began at 6 p.m. local time, Thursday and will end at midnight Sunday.

SESSION HERE

McClerkin Cash Is 'Put' on Table

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Legend has it that W. R. "Witt" Stephens used to call them "put" sessions.

The sessions were gatherings of financially successful individuals with an interest in politics. They would "put" their money on the table to support a candidate.

Backers of Hayes C. McClerkins, 38, of Texarkana, decided that a similar method would be a clever way to show the House Speaker some support for him as a gubernatorial candidate.

Stephens had nothing to do with this "put" session, and some of the 80 or so who attended have coined their own name for it: "a throwdown."

They held it in February at a Texarkana restaurant. The group was composed of friends, acquaintances and business associates of McClerkin. They produced $15,000.

That kind of support from the people who knew McClerkin best was a big factor in his decision to asek the Democratic nomination for governor. McClerkin intimated even at that early date to that admiring group that he would run, although he did not formally announce his plans until weeks later.

Once he did announce, and his name began to show up on scores of billboards and his advertisments began to play between programs on television, it appeared that he was not lacking for financial support.

Others did. Ted Boswell of Bryant, the attorney who ran third in the 1968 Democratic party primary, bowed out, saying he would not subject his

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JIM LOWE: DEAN OF BEAGLE MEN

Trader Still Dog-Gone Busy at 83

By JAMES PRESLEY

At 83, Jim Lowe is the dean of the Northeast Texas dog traders.

If the United States had a Department of the Dog, Lowe ought to have a good shot at a cabinet-level job, or at least Undersecretary for the Beagle. Except that he's a Democrat. And except that he looks like a bald, rotund, but genial, Russian general. If you can imagine a genial Russian general.

Lowe, of Route 6, Box 418, Texarkana, Tex., has been trading dogs for just about all of his eight or so decades. (He was born in San Antonio, in 1886 but has lived in the Texarkana area since 1911.) He stills holds a regular trade day on the third Saturday of each month at his home and he's talking about making it every Saturday, when the cool of fall comes.

He makes out pretty well as a raconteur, too.

"I had this old black-white-and-tan beagle once that wouldn't quit when it come to rabbit hunting," he said. "I used him to train my puppies with. Well, you know how rabbits'll swing around and a puppy'll lose the trail?

"Well, I had that beagle out with some young puppies and — do you know? — that scoundrel'd stand out there and bark when that rabbit'd swing around! Just waiting till those puppies caught up with him. Wouldn't let those puppies get lost!

"Now, they may not believe that, but it happened. That's the honest truth!"

Or maybe he's a raccooneur. Pun intended. "You heard about that man was looking for a real good cold-trailing coon dog, didn't you?" Lowe continued in his low rumbling voice. "Well, he found that this man that had one and they took the dog out in the woods and he picked up a trail right away. It was about dark when they started out. That hound took off, all right, smelling this way and that. They could tell he'd picked up a cold trail. But then he started jumping ever' once in a while. He'd jump this way and then he'd run and smell and then all of a sudden he'd jump over that way. He kept doing that off and on all night.

"Finally, about daylight, that coon dog treed. They couldn't see no coon up there, so they cut down the tree. They still didn't see anything. Then they looked down at the bottom of the hollow in the tree and they didn't find nothing but a skeleton.

"So the man who was buying the dog said, 'Well, that's a coon skeleton, all right. You sure told the truth about him being a cold trailer! But what I want to know is, what was he doing all that high jumping for back there?'

"And the other man said, 'Why, that coon went along there back in the days when they had rail fences!'"

Through the years, which Lowe has spent variously as building contractor and service station-grocery store owner, there's no way of computing how many dog trades he has made. Offhand, the biggest trade he can remember is the time, several years ago, he sold between $300 and $400 worth of dogs at one time to a dealer who took the whole load on to New Orleans for resale.

Lowe sold his dogs at $20 a round and the dealer stacked them into the three layers of dog crates he had in the back of his truck.

"He took 'em on down to New Orleans," said Lowe. "They use them down in those rice fields. Those rabbits down there get fat, as hogs and they really eat 'em.

"When he wants some dogs, he gives me a call and I round 'em up for him.

"These lately have been kinda junk dogs and I wouldn't trade them to him. I just keep 'em around here for somebody to hunt with, that likes to mess around with 'em in the woods."

He has a group of friends he still goes hunting with.

"They hunt down by the lake, south of Redwater. Sometimes they'll have a fox race all night long. The dogs hunt tonight and they hunt for the dogs all day tomorrow," he said, chuckling.

"I set in the chair with my flashlight and let 'em run. If they don't come in tonight I go on home and let 'em go. You can say I still go fox hunting at 84 — I'll be 84 the eighth day of December — but I have to set in a chair. I can't stay out all night like I used to.

"I don't sell all of 'em. Always keep a few around for myself, to hunt. I always sell down to those,

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"BEAGLES, MY SPECIALTY" — Tradin' Man Jim Lowe, of the old Red Springs community in Bowie County is shown with the kind of dog he prefers to deal in — the beagle. (Gazette Photo by Harold Koppe)